

# POPPO

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## of the POPCORN THEATRE

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JUMP ON  
QUICK, SNAPPY—  
ONE MORE WILL  
DO IT!



CHARLES  
BIRO





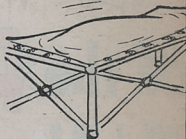
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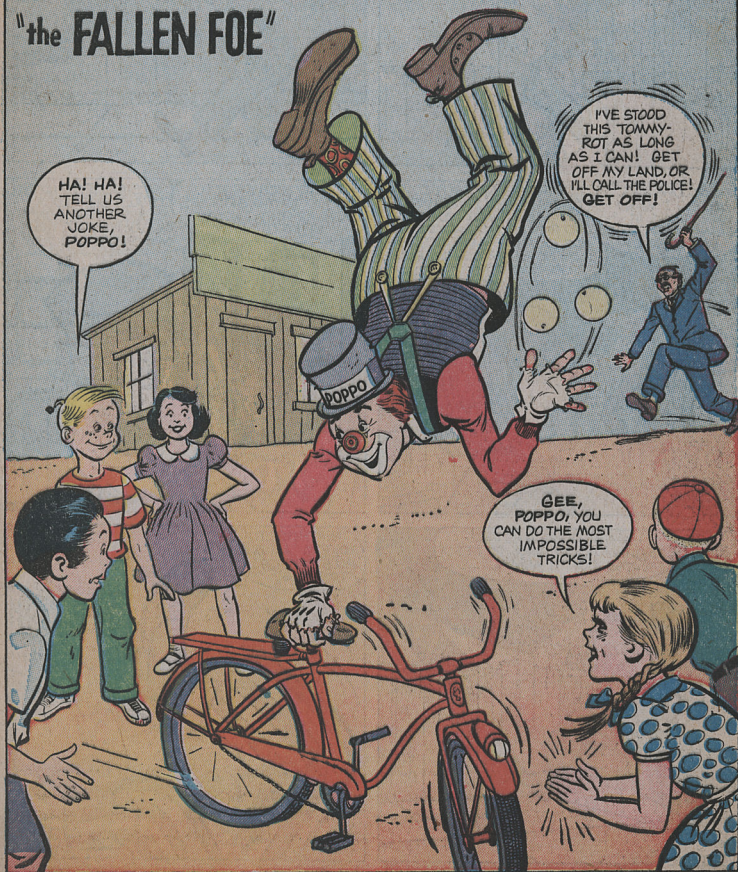
**POPPO**

-THE CLOWN - WHO "CAN'T HELP LIKING KIDS", HAS TRAVELED THE WORLD OVER PHOTOGRAPHING HIS ADVENTURES - THE GREAT ACTS THAT PLAYED ON THE SAME BILL - AND COLLECTING PRINTS OF THE CARTOONS AND COMEDIES THAT HE ENJOYED. BORN TO THE CIRCUS, AND THE JOY OF MAKING OTHERS LAUGH, HIDING HIS OWN SORROWS SO OTHERS MAY BE HAPPY, HE IS THE CLOWN OF ALL AGES - FOR ALL AGES. NOW HE HAS RETIRED FROM THE CIRCUS, BUT STILL FINDS HIS REWARDS IN LIFE MAKING OTHERS LAUGH.

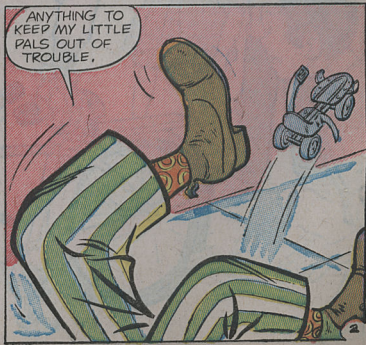
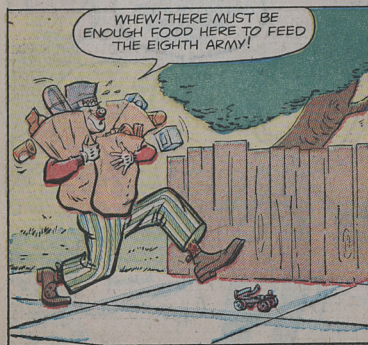
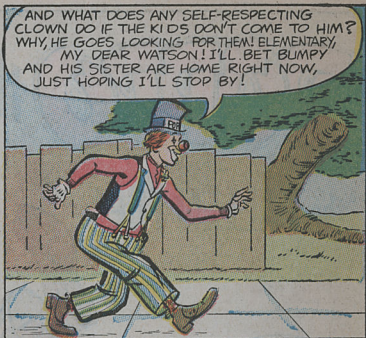


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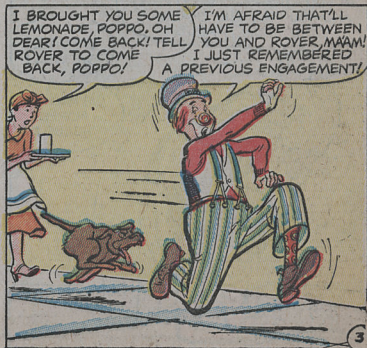
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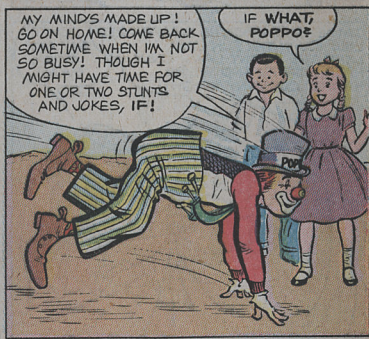
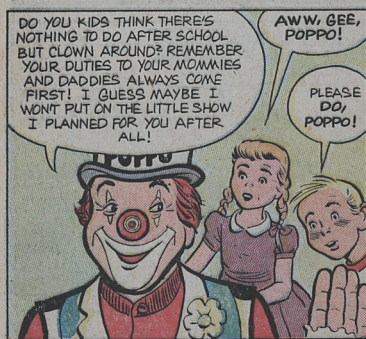
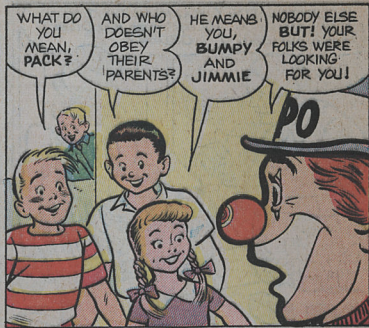




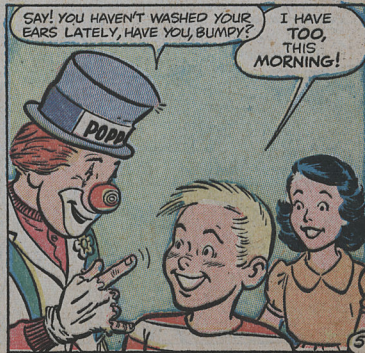
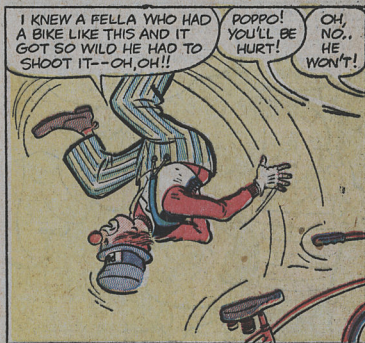
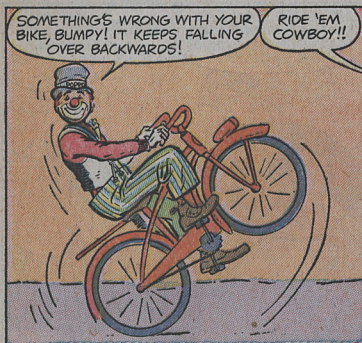
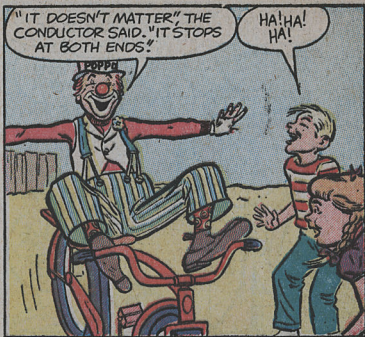




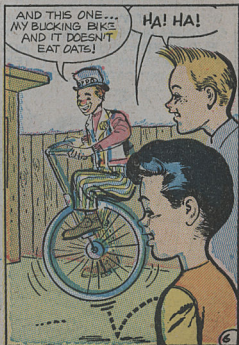
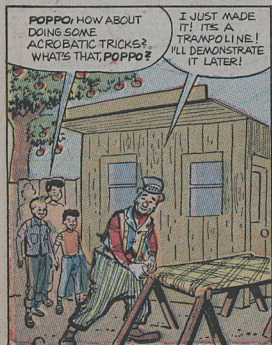
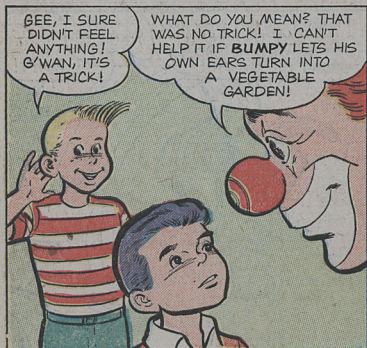
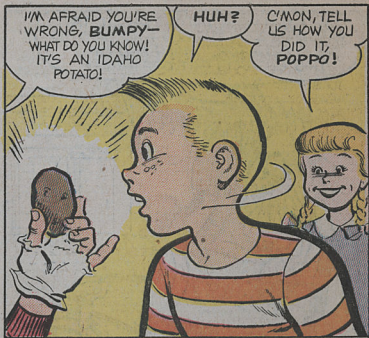
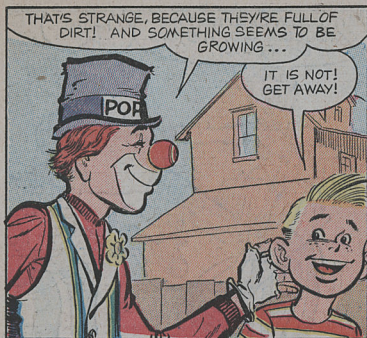




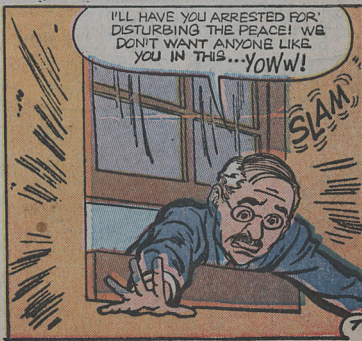
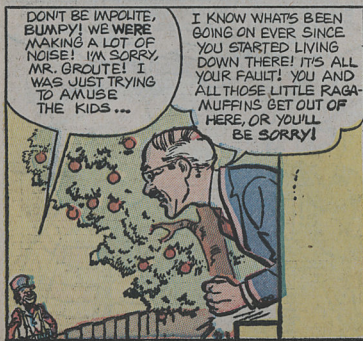
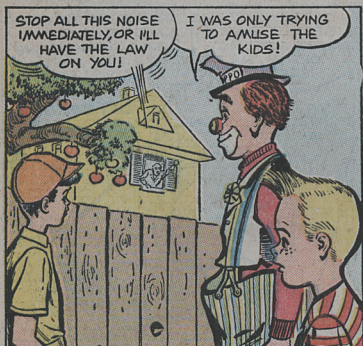
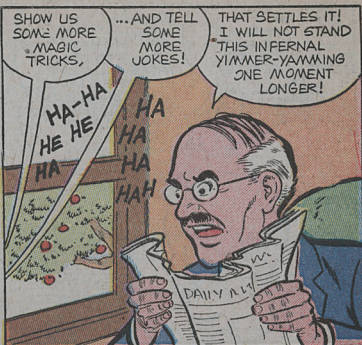
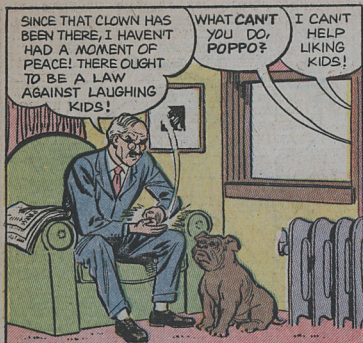




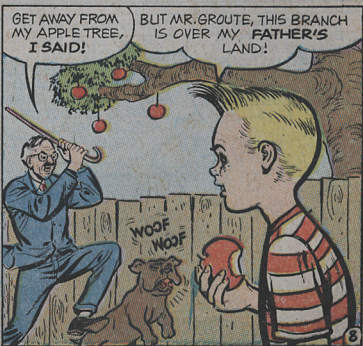
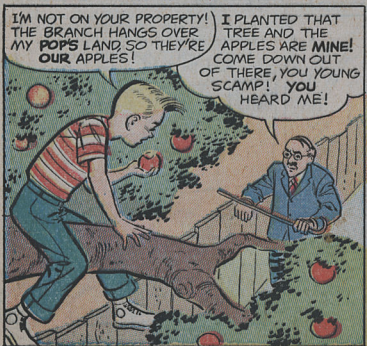
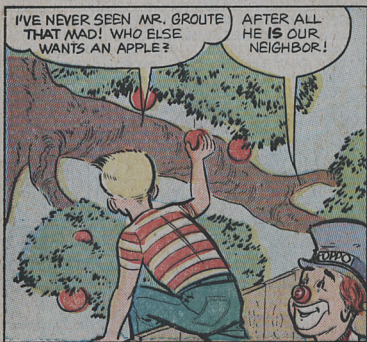




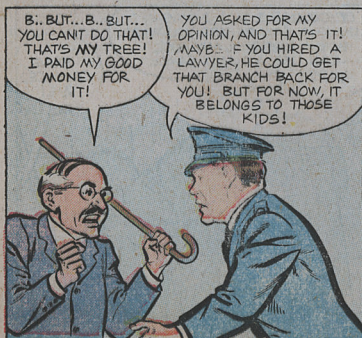
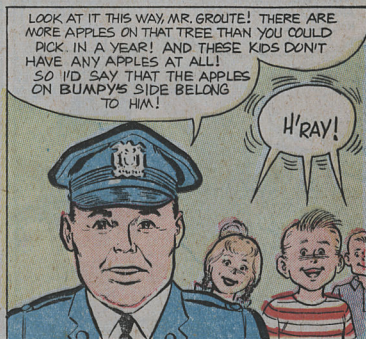
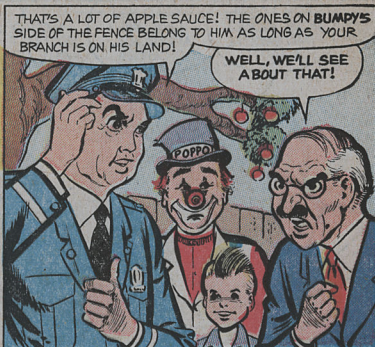
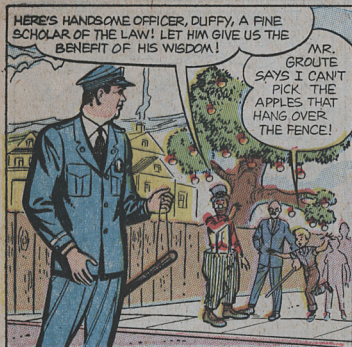




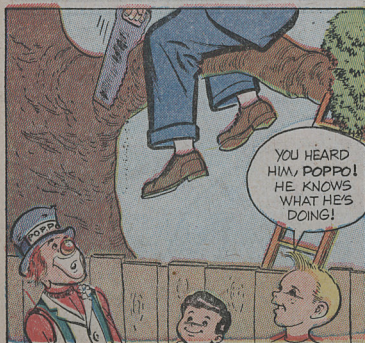
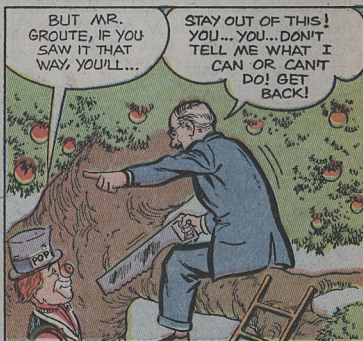
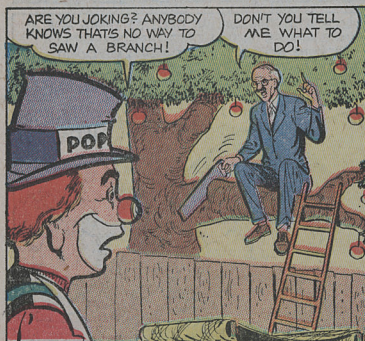
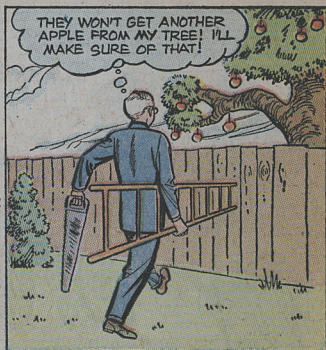
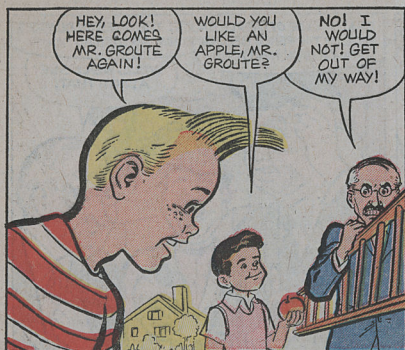




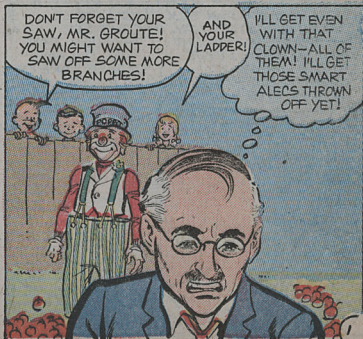
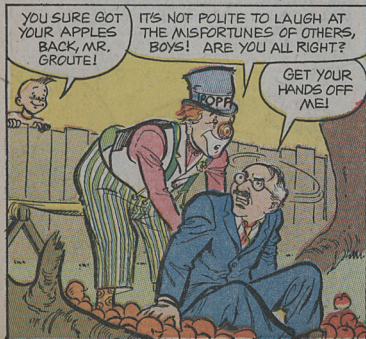
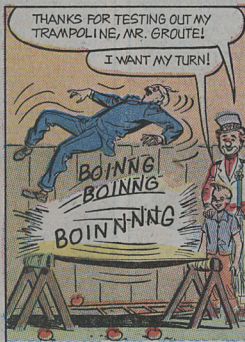
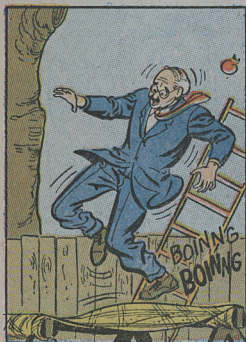
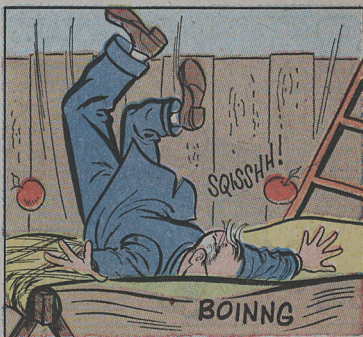
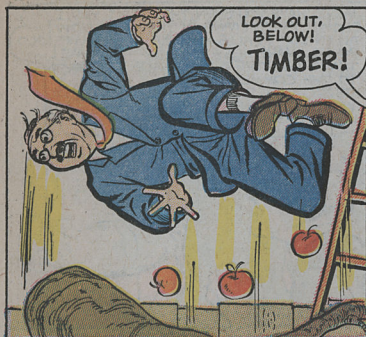






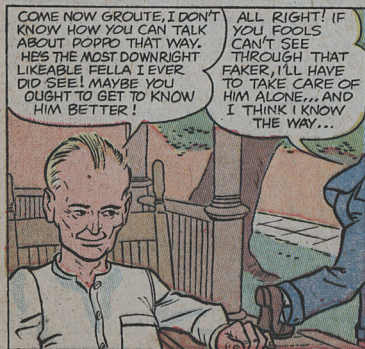
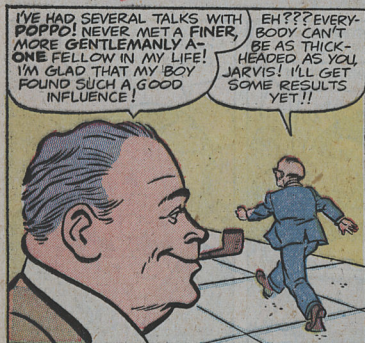
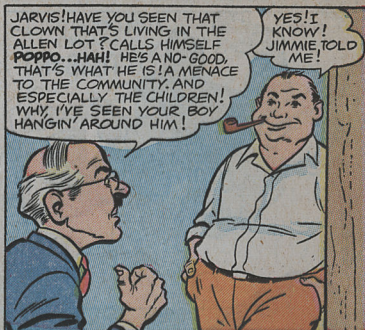




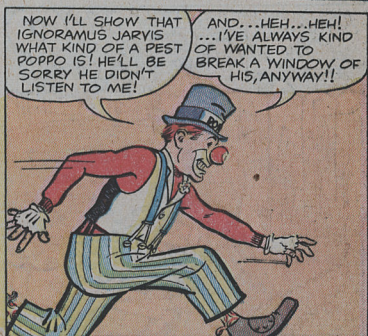




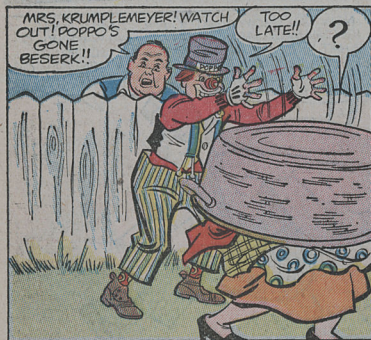
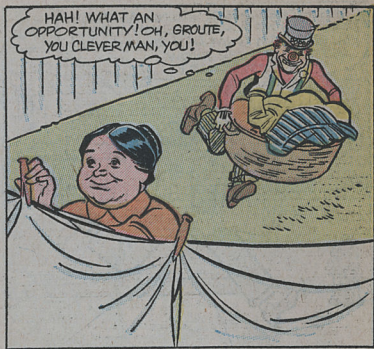
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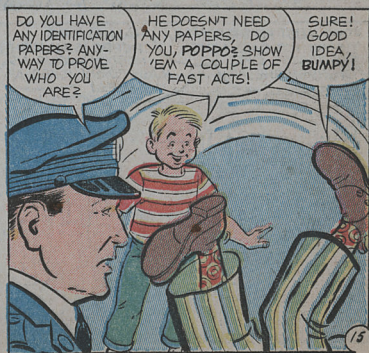
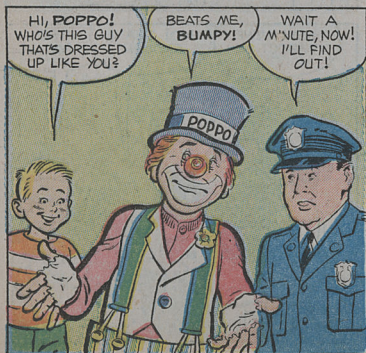
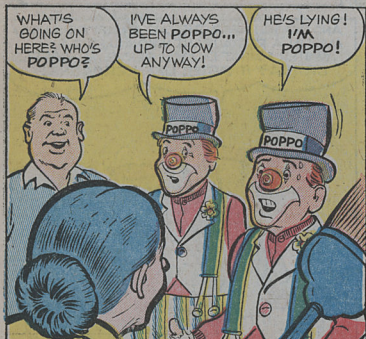
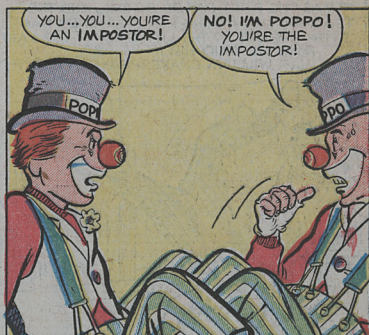
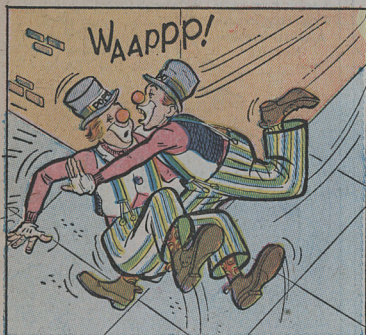












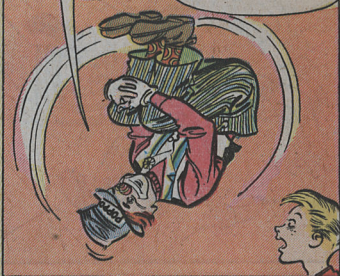


IT WAS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, AND THE TEACHER WAS ASKING FOR EVERYONE'S NAME! WHEN SHE GOT TO THE LITTLE BOY IN THE LAST ROW, HE SAID HIS NAME WAS WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE!



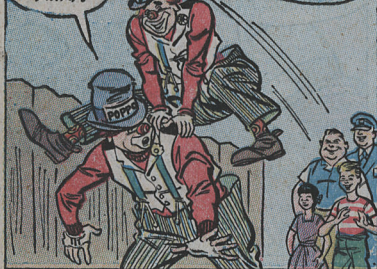
"MY," SHE SAYS, "THAT'S CERTAINLY A WELL-KNOWN NAME!"

"IT OUGHTA BE," HE SAYS, "I'VE BEEN LIVING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR TEN YEARS!"

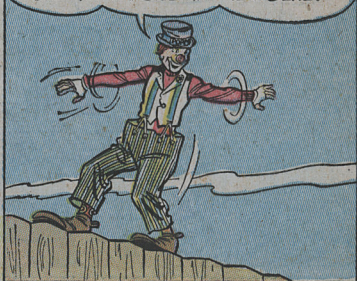


NOW, LOOK HERE! THAT DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING... GET AWAY!

THANKS FOR THE LIFT! WHOEVER YOU ARE!



AND DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE ANGRY MAN IN A RESTAURANT WHO ASKED THE WAITER "WHAT DID YOU SERVE ME-COFFEE OR TEA? IT TASTES LIKE KEROSENE!"



"THAT MUST BE THE COFFEE," THE WAITER SAID, "THE TEA TASTES LIKE TURPENTINE!"

HA! HA! THAT POPPO IS ALL RIGHT! NOBODY KNOWS AS MANY CORNY JOSES AS HE DOES!

WE KIDS THINK THEY'RE GREAT!



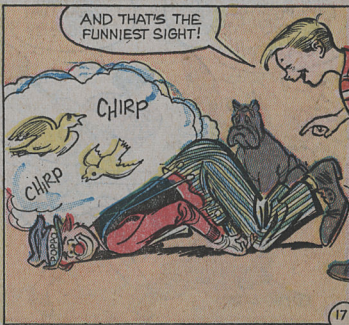
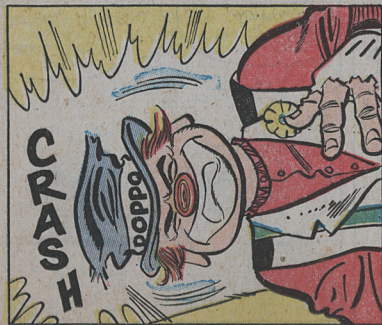
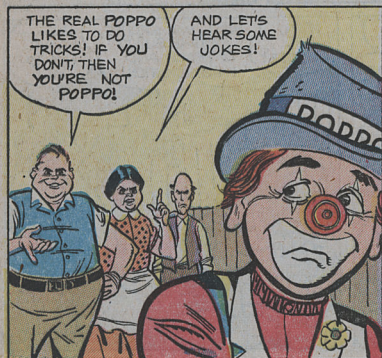
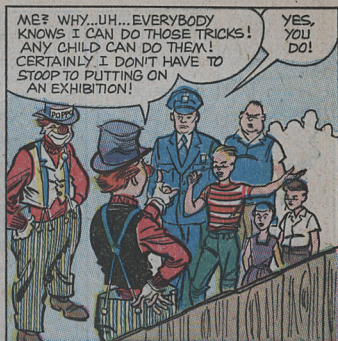
NOW, HOW ABOUT A RIDDLE?

NO! THAT'S ENOUGH!

THE FOOL....











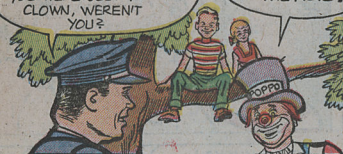


# POPPO

**OUT  
BUT NOT  
DOWN //**

HE SURE HAD ME FOOLED  
FOR A WHILE, THERE! SAY,  
HOW DID YOU LEARN ALL  
THOSE TRICKS, POPPO?  
YOU WERE JUST A  
CLOWN, WEREN'T  
YOU?

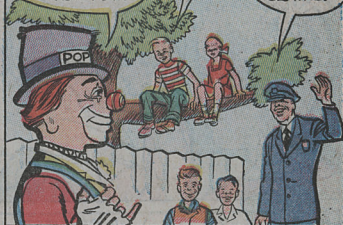
YES, BUT I LOVED  
THE CIRCUS SO  
MUCH THAT I  
LEARNED ALL  
THE ACTS!



I LEARNED MAGIC  
TRICKS, FIRE EATING,  
SWORD SWALLOWING,  
WEIGHT LIFTING  
ACROBATICS...THE  
WORKS! THEY'RE  
EASY WHEN YOU  
KNOW HOW!

WHEW! THAT'S THE  
KIND OF EDUCATION I'D  
LIKE TO GET! IT  
SURE BEATS  
ANYTHING  
I GET IN  
SCHOOL!

WELL,  
WE CAN'T  
ALL BE  
CLOWNS!



LATER...

OUCH!  
IT SURE  
IS HARD TO COMB  
MY HAIR WITH ALL  
THESE LUMPS  
ON MY HEAD!

THERE'S ONLY ONE  
SURE WAY TO GET RID  
OF POPPO! IT'LL COST  
ME SOME MONEY, BUT  
IT'LL BE WORTH IT!  
I'LL GO SEE BUMPY'S  
FATHER!



HELLO, MR. GROUTE!  
DID YOU HAVE  
AN ACCIDENT?

ER...I TRIPPED DOWN THE  
STAIRS! I'D LIKE TO TALK TO  
YOU ABOUT THAT LOT YOU  
OWN NEXT TO MY HOUSE, MR.  
ALLEN! I WANT TO BUY IT!  
HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT  
FOR IT?



\$500, IT'S TOO  
SMALL TO BUILD  
ON, SO I'VE  
NEVER DONE  
ANYTHING  
WITH IT! SURE,  
I'D LET IT GO  
FOR THAT!

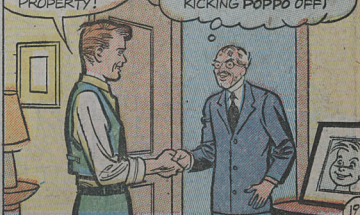
ALL RIGHT, IT'S A DEAL! I  
NEED...UH...A LITTLE MORE  
LAND, AND AS LONG AS  
YOU'RE NOT USING IT  
ANYWAY...HOW ABOUT THE  
DEED AND REGISTRATION?



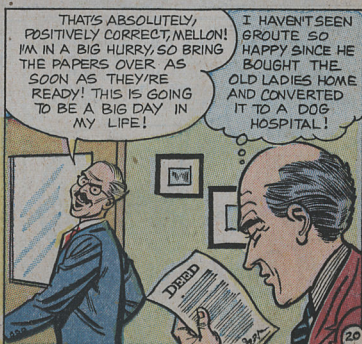
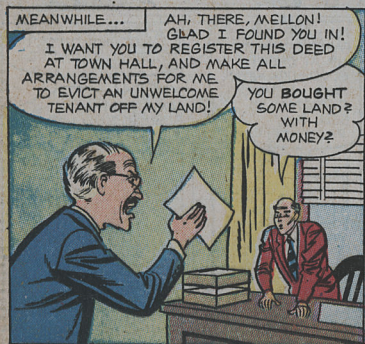
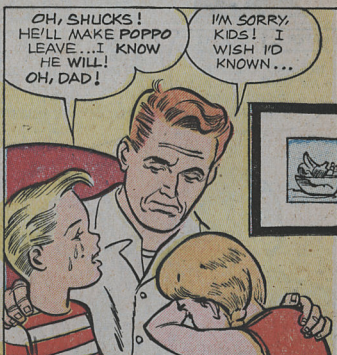
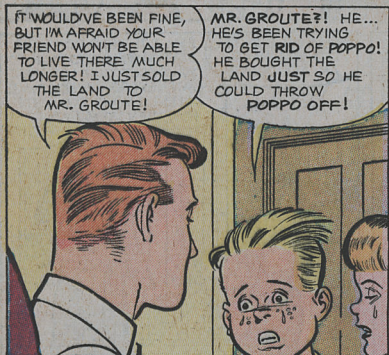
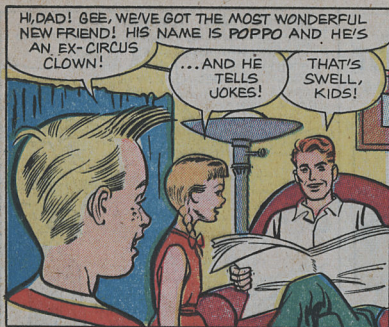
I'LL HAVE THE  
PAPERS DRAWN  
UP AT ONCE!  
GOOD LUCK WITH  
IT! I NEVER  
EXPECTED TO  
SELL THAT  
PROPERTY!

IT'S A PLEASURE TO DO  
BUSINESS WITH YOU, MR.  
ALLEN!

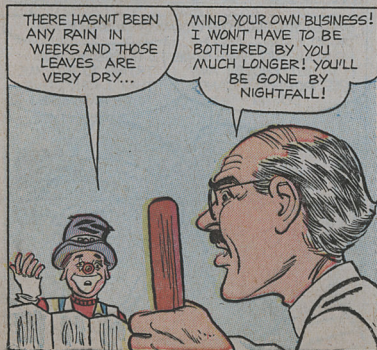
AND MY FIRST  
BUSINESS WILL BE  
KICKING POPPO OFF!



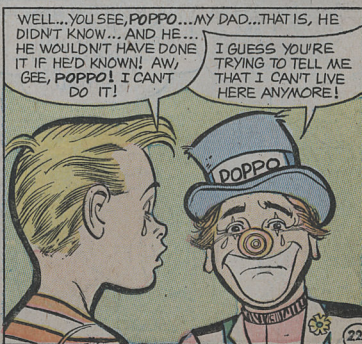
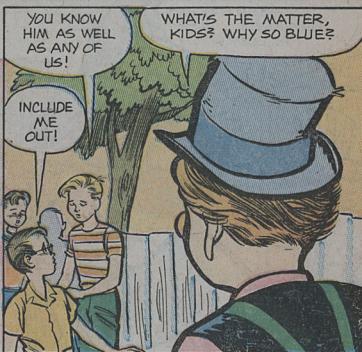




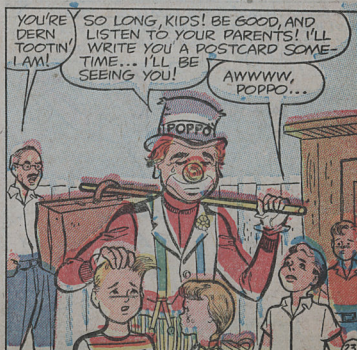
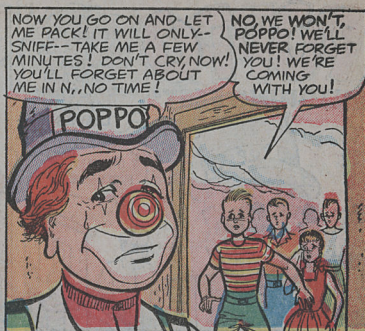
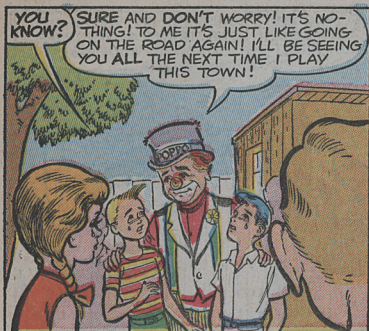














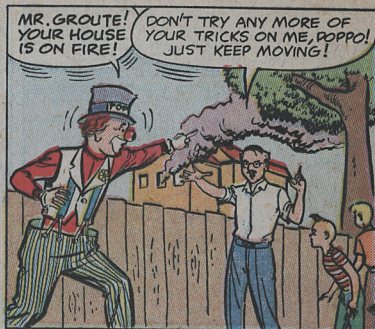
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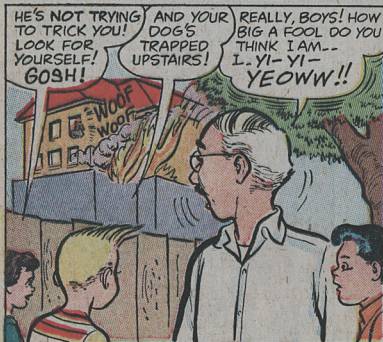
I'D BETTER NOT LOOK BACK, OR I'LL START CRYING... WHAT'S THAT BURNING? THAT'S NOT JUST LEAVES!

GOOD RIDDANCE!



MR. GROUTE! DON'T TRY ANY MORE OF YOUR TRICKS ON ME, POPPO! IS ON FIRE!

DON'T TRY ANY MORE OF YOUR TRICKS ON ME, POPPO! JUST KEEP MOVING!



HE'S NOT TRYING TO TRICK YOU! LOOK FOR YOURSELF! GOSH!

AND YOUR DOG'S TRAPPED UPSTAIRS!

REALLY, BOYS! HOW BIG A FOOL DO YOU THINK I AM-- L. YI- YI-- YEOWW!!



WOOF! WOOF!

JUMP FRISKY, JUMP!

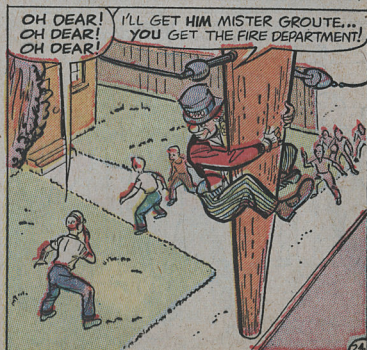
HE WON'T JUMP!



DO SOMETHING! SAVE HIM! CALL THE POLICE! CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT! MY POOR LITTLE FRISKY! SAVE HIM, SOMEBODY! HELP ME! FIRE! HELP!

GOSH! HE LOVES THAT DOG MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WHOLE WORLD!

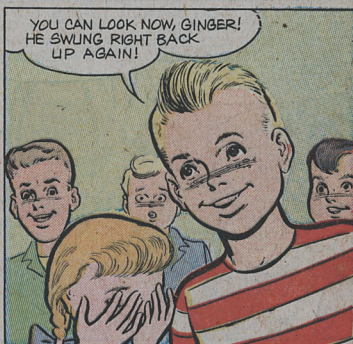
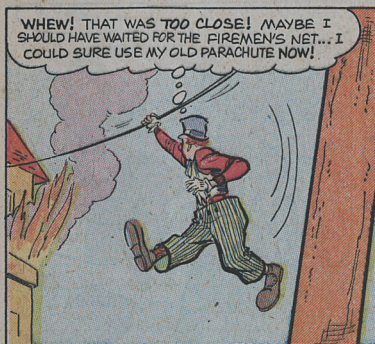
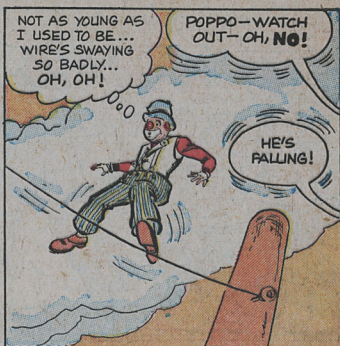
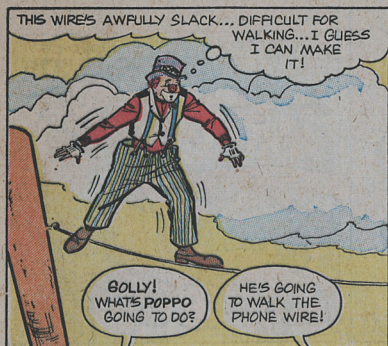
WHY SHOULDN'T HE? IT'S THE ONLY FRIEND HE'S GOT!



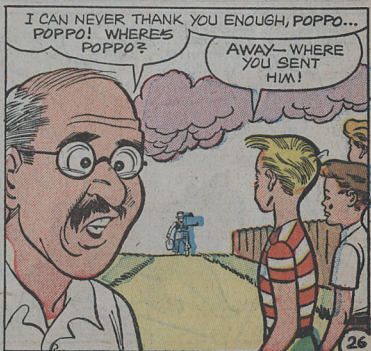
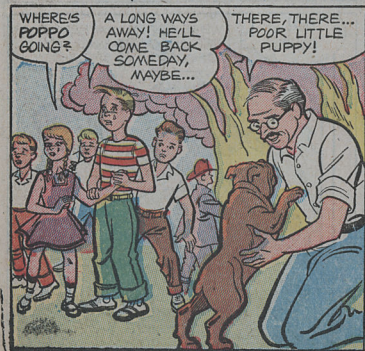
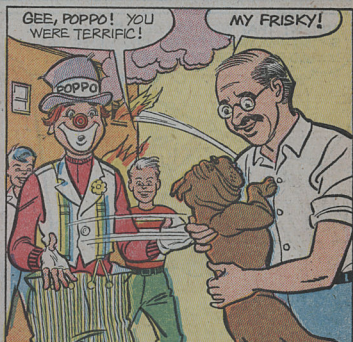
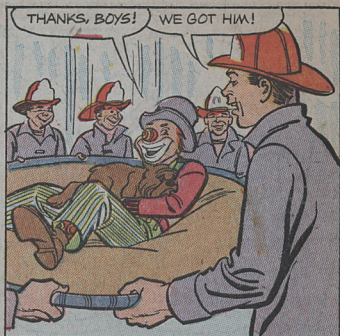
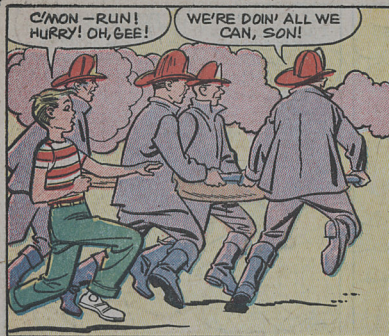
OH DEAR! OH DEAR! OH DEAR!

I'LL GET HIM MISTER GROUTE... YOU GET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!!

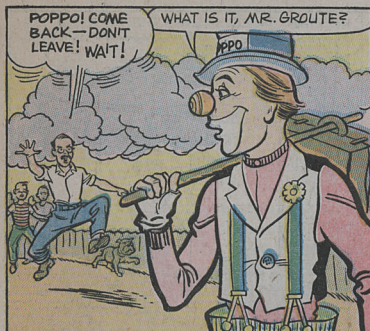




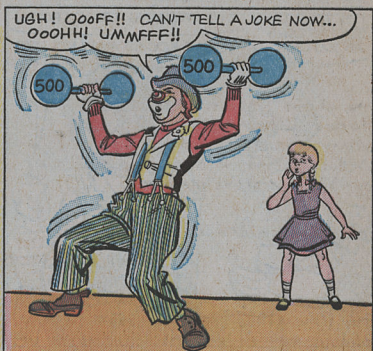
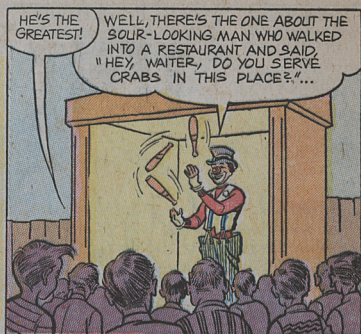










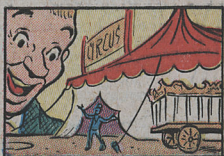




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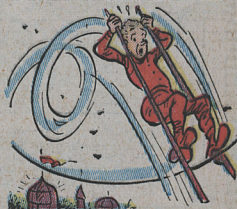
## LITTLE BIG TOP

A resident of Little Rock, Arkansas, spent five years of his spare time making a miniature circus six feet long and three feet wide. He even made thousands of tiny folding seats for the main tent. The completed model contained 17 wagons, 13 parade floats, 30 performers, 21 pieces of aerial equipment, five tents, twenty flags, twenty-five animals and six huge banners for the midway.



## A GOOD TURN

One of the greatest tightrope walkers of all time was Charles Blondin (1824-1897). His outstanding trick, perfected during an engagement at the Crystal Palace in London in 1861, was to turn somersaults on stilts on a rope 170 feet above the ground.



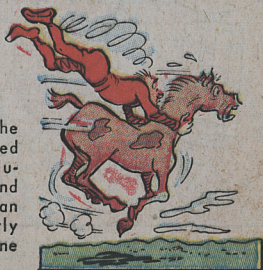
## POLITICAL FUNNYMAN

The most famous circus clown in American history was Dan Rice (1822-1900). Besides being a friend of the eminent men of his time, Rice made and lost several fortunes, ran for Congress and was even considered as a Presidential candidate. During the Civil War, he was paid \$1,000 a week, or twice as much as Abraham Lincoln.



## LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

A triple somersault from a springboard is one of the most dangerous circus tricks and one rarely performed successfully. It is believed that after the third revolution a person loses sense of direction and location and consequently is unable to land correctly. An American performer in the middle of the 19th century frequently did a double somersault over 18 horses, but after one attempt at the triple refused to try it again.





# POPPO'S

## TENTFUL of TRICKS

NUMBER  
**1**

OKAY, KIDS!  
FIRST I'M GOING  
TO SHOW YOU HOW  
TO POUR SODA AND  
WATER INTO THE  
SAME GLASS, WITHOUT  
THEIR GETTING  
MIXED UP  
TOGETHER!

FILL THE GLASS HALF FULL OF SODA. THEN PUT A SILK  
HANDKERCHIEF OVER THE GLASS, AND PRESS IT DOWN TO  
THE SURFACE OF THE SODA. GENTLY FILL THE GLASS WITH  
WATER, DRAW UP THE HANDKERCHIEF, AND THE WATER  
WILL REMAIN UPON THE SODA, BUT WILL NOT MIX WITH IT.

HERE'S HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR  
MONEY! FILL A GLASS HALF  
FULL OF WATER AND  
DROP A COIN INTO IT.  
THEN PLACE A  
SAUCER ACROSS  
THE TOP OF THE GLASS. NOW  
TURN THEM UP-  
SIDE DOWN SO  
THAT THE GLASS  
IS STANDING  
UPSIDE DOWN  
ON THE  
SAUCER...

LOOK DOWN INTO THE  
WATER IN THE GLASS  
AND YOU WILL SEE  
TWO COINS  
INSTEAD OF  
ONE!

AND NOW, AN UNCANNY  
EXPERIMENT IN SOUND! LET  
A FRIEND HOLD THE MOUTH OF A  
MILK BOTTLE ABOUT HALF  
AN INCH AWAY FROM HIS EAR. NOW  
BLOW HARD ACROSS THE TOP  
OF ANOTHER MILK BOTTLE  
UNTIL A STRONG CLEAR  
TONE IS PRODUCED. YOUR  
FRIEND WILL BE ABLE TO  
HEAR THE SAME TONE  
INSIDE HIS BOTTLE!

TWEETY

THE REFLECTION OF THE WATER IN THE HALF FILLED  
GLASS, AS WELL AS THE BENDING OF THE LIGHT  
RAYS ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER, ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE ILLUSION OF THE EXTRA COIN.

THE SOUND VIBRATIONS SET UP BY POPPO HAVE STARTED A  
MOVEMENT OF AIR WHICH CAUSES IDENTICAL VIBRATIONS  
IN THE OTHER BOTTLE, BRINGING THE SAME TONE  
TO BUMPY'S EAR.



# TENTFUL of TRICKS

NUMBER  
2

LET'S PLACE AN EGG LOOSELY INTO AN EGG CUP IN FRONT OF ANOTHER EGG CUP. IF I BLOW ON THE EGG, IT GETS CHILLY, AND JUMPS INTO THE OTHER CUP... IMAGINE THAT!

I HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT YET HOW TO TURN IRON INTO GOLD, KIDS, BUT I CAN TURN AN ORDINARY WRIST OR POCKET WATCH INTO A COMPASS!

WHOO!

BRRR

ACTUALLY, POPPO BLOWS INTO THE SPACE BETWEEN THE EGG AND THE CUP. AS THIS COMPRESSED AIR MOVES UNDER THE EGG, IT IS FORCED UPWARDS. WITH PRACTICE, AND HARD BLOWING, IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE THE EGG JUMP OUT, AND INTO THE OTHER CUP.

HERE'S A GOOD WAY TO GUESS A FRIEND'S AGE, PROVIDED HE IS OVER TEN! ASK HIM TO ADD 9 TO HIS AGE. NOW HAVE HIM CROSS OFF THE FIRST DIGIT FROM THE RESULT, ADD IT TO THE REMAINING TWO DIGITS AND GIVE YOU THE ANSWER! YOU CAN GIVE HIM HIS EXACT AGE!

6	7
8	
25	1
3	

JUST ADD 9 TO THE ANSWER, AND YOU HAVE HIS CORRECT AGE.

POINT THE HOUR HAND IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SUN. THEN HALFWAY BETWEEN THE HOUR HAND AND 12 IS SOUTH. FROM THERE ON, YOU CAN ESTABLISH THE REST OF YOUR DIRECTIONS.



# TENTFUL of TRICKS

HERE, KIDS, IS A MYSTIFYING CARD TRICK WITH WHICH YOU CAN Baffle ALL YOUR FRIENDS! TAKE A DECK OF CARDS AND HAVE A FRIEND PICK ONE WITHOUT SHOWING IT TO YOU! PLACE THE CARD ON THE BOTTOM OF THE DECK—THEN CUT THE CARDS! STARTING AT THE TOP, YOU CAN NOW GLANCE THROUGH THE DECK, AND EASILY PICK OUT THE CARD HE CHOSE!

NUMBER  
3

HERE'S HOW!

POPPO HAS GLANCED AT THE BOTTOM CARD AND KNOWS WHAT IT IS. THE CARD SELECTED BY HIS FRIEND IS PLACED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DECK, AND THUS FOLLOWS THE CARD WHICH POPPO HAS SEEN. AFTER CUTTING THE DECK, HE IS EASILY ABLE TO SELECT THE CHOSEN CARD.

NOW A STUNT YOU CAN ALWAYS WIN AT—PROVIDED YOU KNOW HOW! PLACE 16 TOOTHPICKS ON THE TABLE NEXT TO EACH OTHER. THEN CHALLENGE A FRIEND TO TAKE TURNS WITH YOU IN PICKING UP 1, 2, OR 3 TOOTHPICKS AT A TIME FROM THE TABLE! YOUR FRIEND WILL ALWAYS GET LEFT WITH THE LAST TOOTHpick!

HO! HO!

LET'S TRY ANOTHER NUMBERS TRICK, KIDS! TAKE A NUMBER, ADD 7, DOUBLE IT, ADD 16, DOUBLE IT AGAIN, DIVIDE BY 4 AND SUBTRACT 16. YOUR ANSWER IS THE SAME NUMBER YOU STARTED WITH!

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 \\ + 7 = \\ 9 + 16 = \\ + 2 = 4 \\ - 15 = 2! \end{array}$$

IF YOU GO FIRST, TAKE 3 TOOTHPICKS, LEAVING 13. ON YOUR NEXT TURN, LEAVE 9, THEN 5 TOOTHPICKS, THEN 1. EVEN IF YOUR OPPONENT STARTS FIRST, YOU SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO LEAVE GROUPS OF 13, 9 AND 5 FOR HIM TO DRAW FROM.

THE DOUBLING, DIVIDING, ADDING AND SUBTRACTING EQUAL OUT, AND YOU HAVE REALLY DONE NOTHING TO CHANGE THE ORIGINAL NUMBER.



# KIDS!

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# ON T.V.

*Tune in*

*Poppo*

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TEARS FROM YOUR EYES!



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